IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO. 2141 OF 2007

Shri Santosh Narayan Ghatal. ... Applicant.

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra. ... Respondent.

M.S.Mohite i/b. C.K.Pendse for the applicant.

S.S.Pednekar, APP for the State.

CORAM: V.C.DAGA, J.

DATED: 20th July 2007.

P.C.:

. Heard learned counsel for the applicant and learned A.P.P. for the State.

2. Cross crime reports being C.R.No.I-98/2007 and C.R.No.I-99/2007 were registered with the Virar Police Station, district- Thane for the offences punishable under sections 395, 397 and 427 of the Indian Penal Code by two different groups of rikshaw drivers. The applicant is seeking bail in connection with C.R.No.I-98/2007.

3. Bail has been granted by the Sessions Court by two separate orders to the majority of persons involved in committing the alleged offences belonging

to different groups. Having perused the material available on record in the light of the orders passed by the Sessions Court, Palghar, I am, prima facie; of the view that the applicant is entitled to pre-arrest bail on parity. In the circumstances, applicant is granted pre-arrest bail, subject to the following conditions:

(a) in the event of arrest of the applicant in in connection with C.R.No.I-98/2007 registered with the Virar Police Station, district- Thane, he shall be released on bail of Rs.10,000/- with one or two surety to make up the said amount.

(b) The applicant shall not directly or indirectly, make any inducement or threat or pressurise any prosecution witnesses and shall not in any manner tamper with the prosecution evidence.

(c) that the applicant shall report to the Virar Police Station once in a week on every Friday between 3.00 to 5.00 p.m. until the trial is over and shall co-operate with the investigating agency.

(d) This order of anticipatory bail shall

operate till the filing of the chargesheet. After filing of chargesheet, it would be open for the applicant to apply for regular bail before the regular court. It is needless to mention that breach of any of the conditions by the applicant shall result in cancellation of bail.

3. Application stands disposed of accordingly.

JUDGE